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1. ASSOCIATED PRESS CARRIED STORY ON OCTOBER 13 TO EFFECT THAT MONTANA STATE OFFICIALS SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH SAG DURING VISIT OF HASSAN MISHARI TO QUOTE TRADE PETRO-DOLLARS FOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY UNQUOTE IN WHAT IS BILLED AS FIRST SUCH AGREEMENT EVER SIGNED BETWEEN A STATE AND A NATION. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT MONTANANS WILL SET UP AND STAFF TWO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATIONS IN NOVEMBER, THAT WHEAT AND LIVESTOCK MARKETING SPECIALISTS WILL VISIT SAUDI ARABIA IN NOVEMBER, THAT MONTANANS WILL ADVISE SAG ON WAYS OF BRINGING COMMUNITY SERVICES TO AGRICULTURAL QUOTE COMMUNES UNQUOTE, AND THAT AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM WILL BE SET UP BETWEEN SAUDI GRADUATE STUDENTS AND AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS FROM MONTANA STATE
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2. DISCUSSIONS WITH MONTANA OFFICIALS REVEAL THAT PRESS REPORTS ARE EXAGGERATED AND TEND TO ANTICIPATE POSSIBLE AGREEMENTS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. SEPTEMBER 6 COMMUNIQUE (COPY BEING POUCHED) SIGNED BY MISHARI AND GOVERNOR THOMAS

L. JUDGE DID AGREE THAT A UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM WOULD VISIT SAUDI ARABIA, THAT FURTHER TALKS ON TRADE OPPORTUNITIES WOULD TAKE PLACE, AND THAT QUOTE THE STATE OF MONTANA ACCEPTS WITH GRATITUDE THE INVITATION OF THE MINISTRY (SIC) OF AGRICULTURE FOR A VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA UNQUOTE.

3. ALTHOUGH FIRST REACTION MIGHT BE THAT INVITATION TO GOVERNOR JUDGE WILL DIE QUIET DEATH AS RESULT OF MISHARI'S REPLACEMENT, MONTANA OFFICIALS ARE IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND SEEM TO THINK VISIT WILL STILL TAKE PLACE. THEY WILL PROBABLY ASK MUHAMMAD SAADI'S JUDGMENT AS TO TIMING. INGERSOLL

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